

An acoustic ear on the past

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When Lawrence and Beryl Mutton opened their home to an English author and his wife last summer, they also opened a window on Beryl's childhood past.

Up in the attic of their Shiloh home, the Muttons retrieved an old suitcase of Beryl's father, Dr. William Sansome Tucker, OBE. It proved to be a treasure trove for author Dr. Richard N. Scarth of England. In his several days at the Shiloh home, he read, catalogued and researched the suitcase contents with joy. Now, one year later, the 217-page hardcover book detailing acoustic early warning systems is published. And for Beryl, now 85 years old, the joy is seeing her father's scientific research story told - and the book dedicated to her father's memory.

"Echoes From the Sky: A story of acoustic defense" is a story of the development of strange looking oversized disks - today's satellite dishes on steroids - to monitor and serve as alarms against air attack. The research work and acoustic concrete disks were primarily built in England, from 1914 to the early years of World War II. The 270-page book is the result of several years of research based on primary sources. It includes a detailed consideration of the main sound-collecting devices in the shape of discs, mirrors and trumpets, 54 illustrations, and three maps.

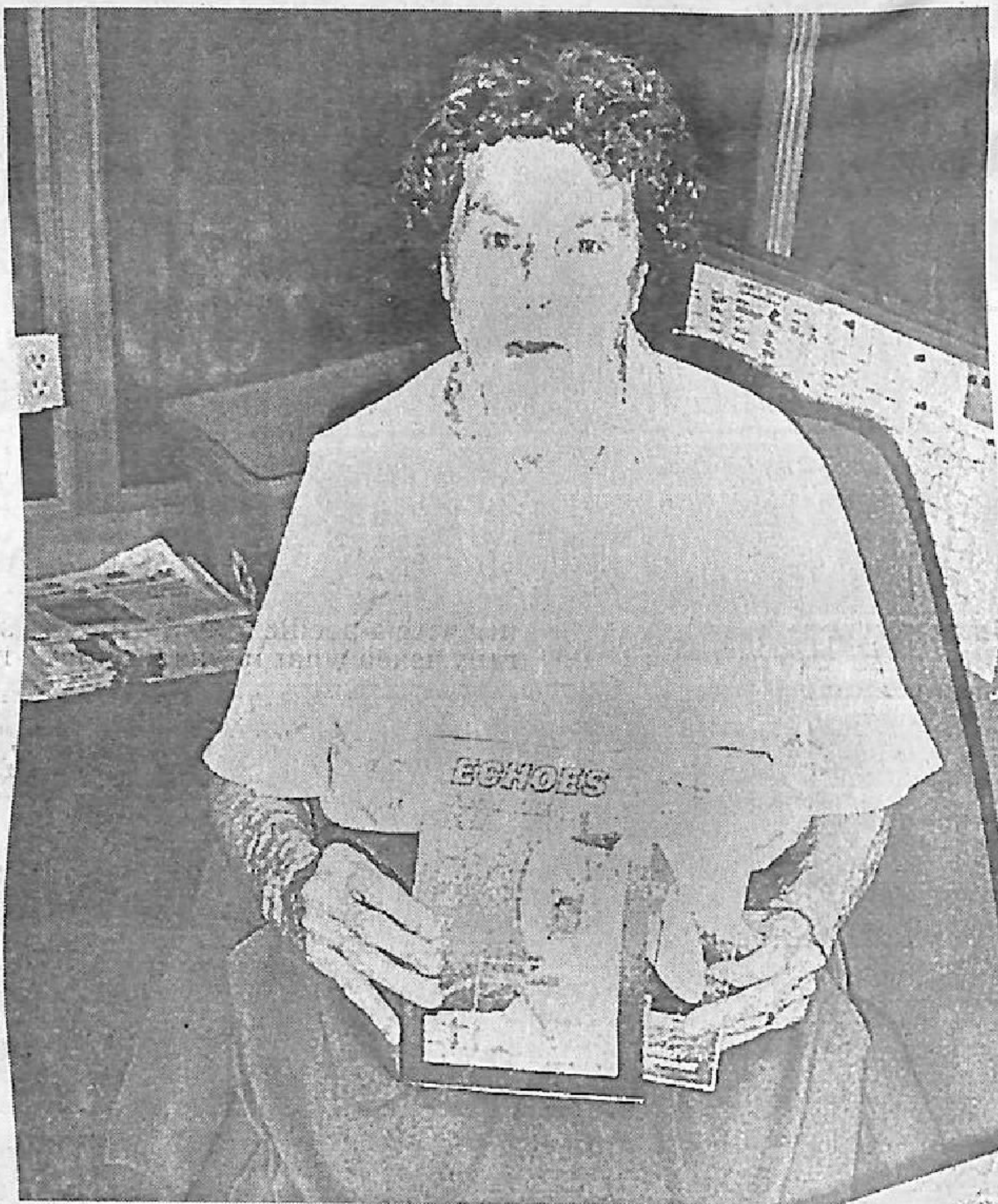
Author Dr. Richard N. Scarth, formerly a principal lecturer and Head of Department in Higher Education, became interested in early warning systems during his National Service in a Royal Air Force Sector Operations Centre.

The Muttons learned of Dr. Scarth's book interest through an acquaintance of an acquaintance. When the Scarths visited Canada in 1998, Beryl and Lawrence warmly invited them for a visit. For Beryl, the focus of Dr. Scarth's research filled in early childhood memory blanks and gave her a complete picture of her father's life and work.

Beryl emigrated to Canada after marrying Lawrence during World War II. Her parents followed their only daughter to this area in their later years. Dr. Tucker passed away in 1955 and is buried at Shiloh Cemetery in Cramahe Township.

"I hope they come back," Beryl says today. "I really enjoyed them both so much."

The book retails for \$12 pounds. To order a copy, make a cheque out to the Hythe Civic



A newly published hardcover book has been dedicated to Beryl Mutton's late father, Dr. William Sansome Tucker, OBE. The book, left, is the final work which grew out of the booklet, right, authored by Richard N. Scarth of England.

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- Mandy Martin

Eddystone Baptist marks 142nd anniversary service

By Joyce Buchegger

On September 12, the Eddystone Baptist Church celebrated its 142nd anniversary with joy and thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness over these many years. The church is located in a beautiful setting of hills and

fields, five miles north of Grafton off County Road 23. In 1857, the building was completed and dedicated as the Christian Church of Haldimand. In 1924, the Baptist Convention took it over and there has been no stoppage of service at any time over 142 years. Services continue today with Sunday School and morning worship service at 11 a.m. on Sundays, and Bible Study and Prayer on Tuesday evenings in various homes, as well as monthly men's and women's meetings. Visitors are always welcome.

Mrs. Brenda Mann, Moderator of the Trent Valley Association of Baptist Churches, brought greetings. The Association consists of 32 member churches and is part of the larger Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec. The Pastor, the Rev. Murray Richardson, led the service and introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Ian Dixon of Peterborough. His sermon was entitled "Going Forward", based on God's command to Moses in Exodus 14:15. The Rev. Dixon noted there are times to be still and count our blessings. Other times, we may go back in memory and be encouraged by the evidence of God's hand on our lives throughout the years. Most of all, we should ever move forward and increase in our love and service for God and our fellow man, and in our knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

Pianist for the service was Mrs. Phyllis Richardson and guest organist Mrs. Gene Jaynes. Merlyn and Jeanette Bales of Lindsay provided special vocal music.

Following the service, dinner and further fellowship was enjoyed around bountifully-laden tables in the Sunday School rooms.

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DULMAGE, SHIRLEY EVELYN

At her residence on September 21, 1999. Shirley (nee Bailey), beloved wife of the late William Dulmage. Dear mother of Bill and Art, both of Wicklow and of the late Sandra. Dear sister of William of Marmora, Donald of Coe Hill, Frances (Mrs. Marc Chaput) of Toronto, Allan of Welland, Thomas of Cobourg and James of Toronto. Predeceased by father Arthur, mother Alice and brother Arthur. A private graveside service will be held at Fairview Cemetery, Grafton. In memoriam donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. MacCoubrey Funeral Home Colborne, 355-2829.